

REMARKS

Claims 1-63 are pending in the present application.

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner alleged that the application contains claims directed to more than one patentably-distinct species of the generic invention and directed Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits as required under 35 U.S.C. 121. *See Restriction Requirement, page 2.*

The Examiner alleged that the species are:

Species I, drawn to a digital camera in a first embodiment as shown in Figure 2;

Species II, drawn to a digital camera in a third embodiment as shown in Figure 12; and

Species III, drawn to a digital camera in a fifth embodiment as shown in Figure 20.

More specifically, the Examiner indicated that Species II additionally comprises an image processing means 17, and Species III additionally comprises a display control means 18, and that for these reasons Species II and III are distinct from Species I.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Species I, which is directed to claims 1-20, 34-42, and 57-63.

The Examiner indicated claim 9 as being generic. Applicants request that the claims to additional species be considered and allowed in the event that the generic claims are allowed.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John Sanders , Registration No 60,166 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

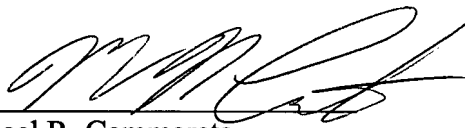
☒ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.

☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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